

3 NATIONS COVID-19 UPDATE – 12 April 2021

The information contained in this report is based on recent updates and current information available at the time the report was finalized. It is not inclusive of all actions or measures taken to date by health officials federally, provincially, or locally.

COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

STATUS OF CASES IN BC¹	As of Apr 09	As of Apr 12	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	109,540	112,829	3,289*
Total active cases in BC	9,574	9,937	363
Currently in intensive care	102	121	19
Currently hospitalized	332	368	36
Total hospitalized to date	5,493	5,689	196
Total deaths in BC	1,495	1,513	18
Total recovered in BC	98,336	101,216	2,880

CONFIRMED CASES BY REGION¹	As of Apr 09	As of Apr 12	Change
Total confirmed cases in BC	109,540	112,829	3,289*
Vancouver Coastal Health	27,303	28,044	741
Fraser Health	62,447	64,404	1,957
Island Health	3,872	4,039	167
Interior Health	9,295	9,594	299
Northern Health	6,442	6,567	125
Out of Canada	181	181	0
Total individuals tested in BC	2,293,054	2,327,672	34,618

STATUS OF CASES IN YUKON²	As of Apr 09	As of Apr 12	Change
Total confirmed cases	74	74	0
Total active cases	0	0	0
Total deaths	1	1	0
Total recovered	73	73	0
Total individuals tested	6,954	6,970	16
Negative results	6,864	6,890	26
Pending results	16	6	-10

*The B.C. Government reported 1,283 new COVID-19 cases April 10th, 1,036 April 11th, and 970 April 12th (3,289 total).

¹ Source: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/a6f23959a8b14bfa989e3cda29297ded>

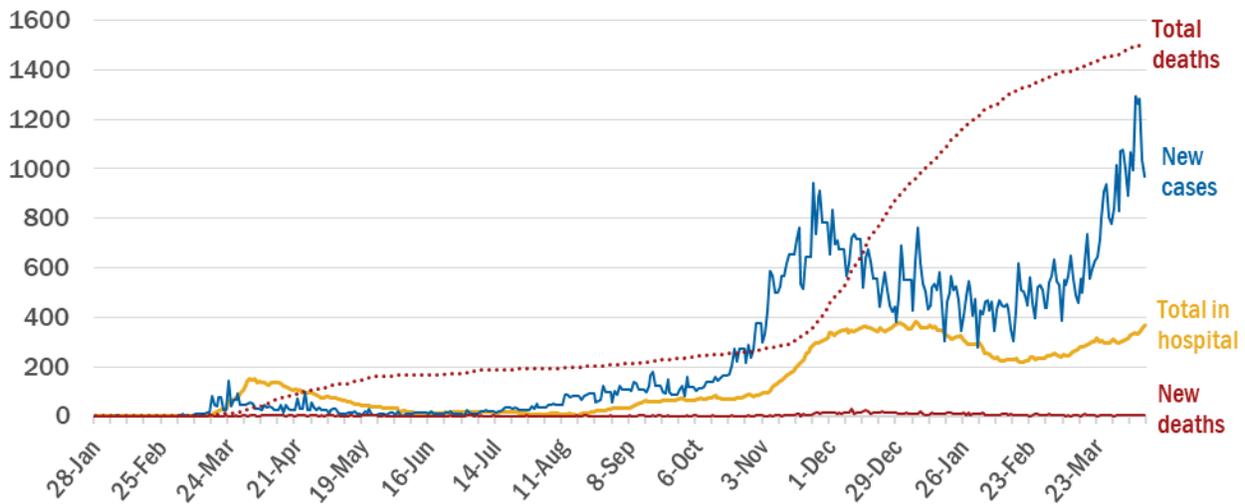
² Source: <https://yukon.ca/en/case-counts-covid-19>

STATUS OF FIRST NATION RESERVE

CASES IN CANADA³

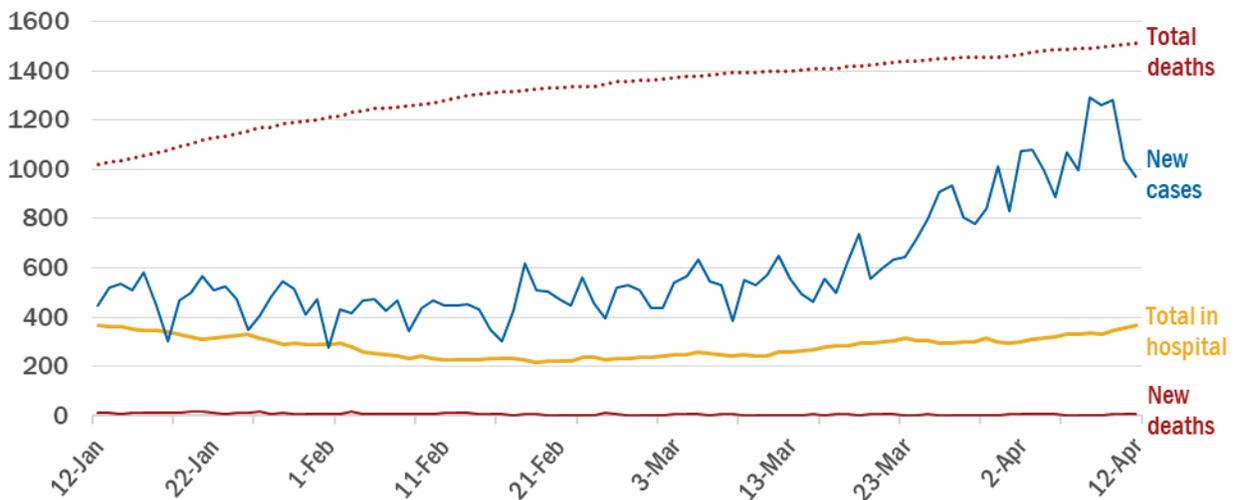
	As of Apr 08	As of Apr 09	Change
Total confirmed cases	25,393	25,517	124
Total active cases	629	678	49
Currently hospitalized	1,146	1,149	3
Total deaths	296	298	2
Total recovered	24,468	24,541	73
Total confirmed cases in BC	2,870	2,878	8

COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC



Note: Counts have been averaged where one number was reported for multi-day periods

COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN BC – PAST THREE MONTHS



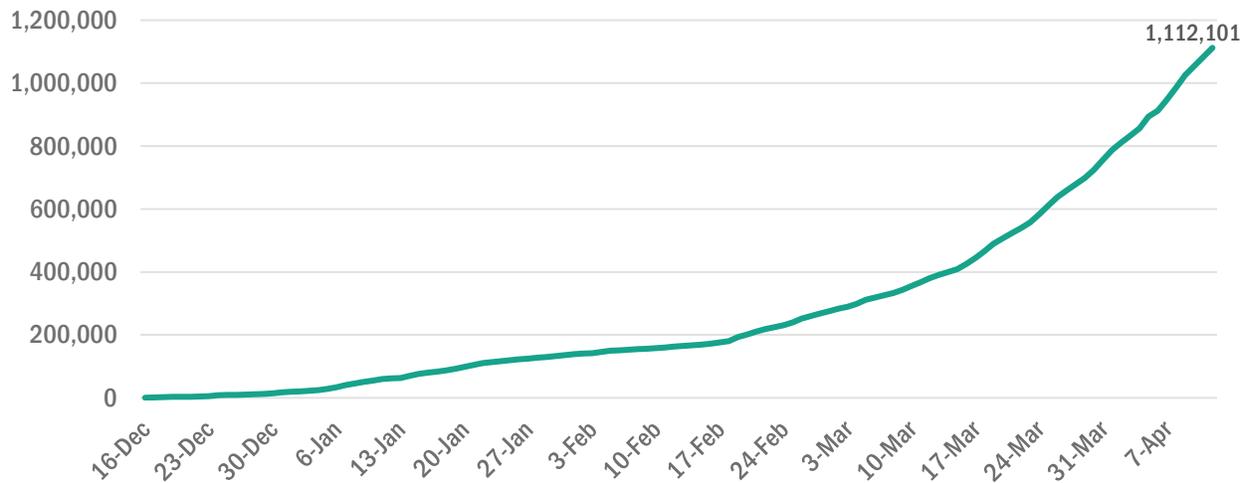
³ Source: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1598625105013/1598625167707>

COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

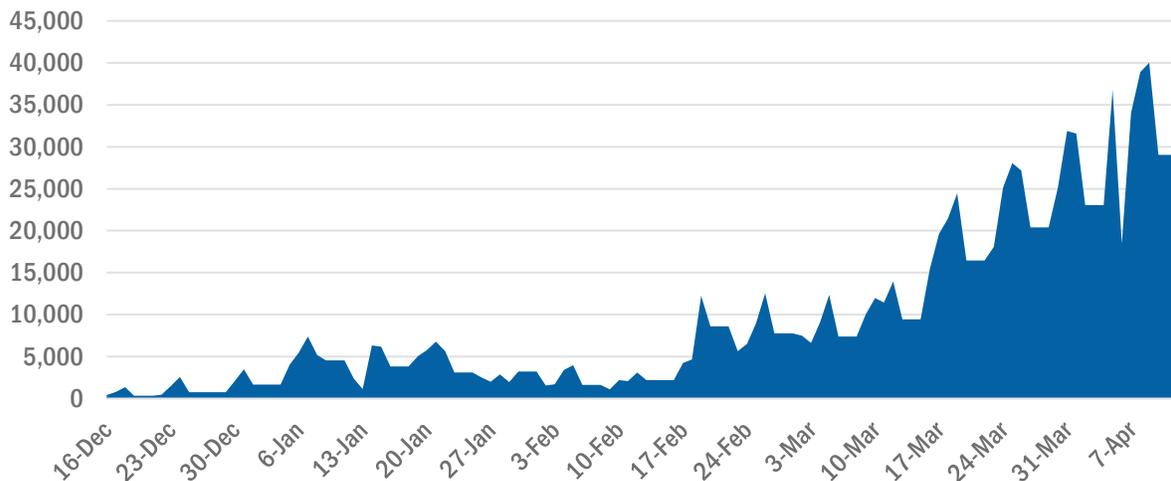
STATUS OF VACCINE ADMINISTRATION⁴

	Total Doses Administered		Total Doses Supplied	% of Doses Administered	% Pop. with first dose	People Fully Vaccinated	% Pop. Fully Vaccinated ⁵
	Today	Total					
BC	29,028	1,112,101	1,403,510	79.23%	19.91%	87,744	1.71%
Yukon	1,831	41,518	51,400	79.87%	58.20%	16,973	39.93%
Canada	268,018	8,264,140	10,620,740	77.80%	19.60%	816,278	2.15%

TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED



DOSES ADMINISTERED IN BC EACH DAY



⁴ Source: N. Little. COVID-19 Tracker Canada (2020), COVID19Tracker.ca

⁵ Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/track-vaccinations-across-canada-1.5870573>

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Today, Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s Provincial Health Officer, and Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, provided a joint update on the COVID-19 response in the province.⁶ Highlights include the following:
 - **Regarding variants of concern in the province**
 - Information regarding variants of concern is unavailable at this time due to a data issue, however approximately 50% of all active COVID-19 cases in B.C. are a variant of concern.
 - **Regarding the new expedited workplace closure order**
 - Today the new “expedited workplace closure order” comes in effect which permits public health officers, in support of WorkSafe BC, to order the temporary closure of businesses with a known COVID-19 outbreak.
 - The closure order will be in effect for a period of 10 days or more, as prescribed by the health officer on a case-by-case basis.
 - A list of businesses that are forced to close will be posted on the BCCDC website.
 - **Regarding COVID-19 transmission⁷**
 - “COVID-19 is a virus that is transmitted by people to people – often to those we are closest to. As we face a surge in new cases and hospitalizations, we need to focus on the things that will slow the spread and break the chains of transmission.”
 - “To get to the end as quickly as possible, we need stay local – in our immediate neighbourhood as much as possible. We need to stay small – with our households, work or school cohorts only. And we need to use all of our layers of protection all of the time – without exception.
- Today, the B.C. Government announced that individuals 55 years of age and older are now eligible to register for a COVID-19 vaccine appointment.⁸
 - Additionally, a new vaccine registration schedule was announced. The following age cohorts can register online for a COVID-19 appointment on the designated days:
 - Wednesday, April 14th – People aged 50 and up.
 - Friday, April 26th – People aged 45 and up.
 - Monday, April 19th – People aged 40 and up.
 - Individuals can register through B.C.'s new Get Vaccinated system in one of three ways:
 - Quickly online, 24/7, at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated.html>
 - Through a provincial call centre between 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. (PST) at 1 833 838-2323
 - In person at the nearest Service BC location
 - Once registered, people will be contacted to book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment.
 - To preserve system capacity, wait until your age cohort is called to register.

⁶ Dr. Bonnie Henry via live press conference 12/04/2021 15:00

⁷ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0025-000697>

⁸ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0072-000696>

- Today, First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) shared a message from Dr. Helena Swinkels, Office of the Chief Medical Officer, regarding COVID-19 in First Nations communities.⁹ Highlights include the following:
 - “We need to take the COVID-19 variants very seriously, as these are fueling some of the increase in case numbers... Although the increase in variants was first seen in the Lower Mainland, these are spreading and now cause the majority of all new cases in BC. As more people become infected, we will again see increases in serious cases, even in younger people.”
 - “As the province’s vaccination program rolls out to lower age groups, we can expect fewer outbreaks and fewer people getting sick.”
 - “There are now 85 per cent fewer cases among First Nations people across Canada since January thanks to high vaccination uptake and the hard work of First Nations communities.”
 - “Older First Nations age groups that have a high rate of vaccination are still experiencing infections, but with less of an increase than in younger age groups, demonstrating the effectiveness of the vaccine.”
 - “By following all recommended public health measures, even after getting vaccinated, and getting the vaccine as soon as it is offered to you, we will all be safer.”
 - “By drawing on culture, community and resilience, I am confident First Nations people will continue to lead the way in B.C in how to come through this pandemic better, together.”

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

- On April 11th, Dr. Brendan Hanley, Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health, issued a potential COVID-19 exposure notification for the 1:35 p.m. Air North flight from Vancouver to Whitehorse on Saturday, April 3rd.¹⁰
 - This person tested positive for COVID-19 several days after arriving in Yukon.
 - Contact tracing with passengers seated in close proximity to the case is underway.

SIGNIFICANT UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

- Today, Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transport, announced financial support for Air Canada to protect jobs and prevent economic decline during COVID-19.¹¹
 - As a condition of receiving this support, Air Canada will ensure that:
 - Communities retain air connections to the rest of Canada through the restart of service at airports temporarily suspended by Air Canada;
 - Any customer of Air Canada who wants a refund will receive one for certain pandemic-related cancellations;
 - Airline jobs, pensions, and collective agreements are protected; and
 - Air Canada remains a customer for Canada’s aerospace sector.

⁹ <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/draw-on-culture-community-and-resilience-to-stay-safe-against-covid-19-variants-and-rising-cases>

¹⁰ <https://yukon.ca/en/news/april-11-2021-covid-19-public-exposure-notification>

¹¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2021/04/government-protects-canadian-air-travellers-jobs-and-airline-sector.html>

- Today, Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer, released a statement regarding COVID-19 in Canada. Highlights include the following:¹²
 - “While COVID-19 continues to impact people of all ages in Canada, infection rates are highest among those aged 20-39 years of age.”
 - “As well, we are seeing an increased number of adults under the age of 60 years being treated for COVID-19 in hospital, including in intensive care units.”
 - “This is a reminder that serious illness can occur at any age and evidence indicates that variants of concern can be associated with more severe illness and increased risk of death.”
 - “In addition, circulation of COVID-19 in younger, more mobile and socially connected adults is an ongoing risk for spread into high-risk populations and settings.”
 - “Canadians are urged to remain vigilant, continue following local public health advice, and consistently maintain individual practices that keep us and our families safer.”

This summary was compiled by [CCEM Strategies Ltd.](#) at the request of the 3 Nations Society.

¹² <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/04/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-april-12-2021.html>